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MARCH MADNESS AND APRIL FOOLS

2012 SHOW SUMMARY

The March RECC meeting started off with a nice summary of the Coin Show. In all respects it was a great success. Merle went over all the costs, as well as income from dealers and ticket sales. We did end up with a profit, which will go toward next year's show. Attendance was close to last year, which was nice to see.

For the Gold Coin Drawing, 47 club members sold tickets to more than cover the costs. As a reward, Merle presented prizes to the top sellers. Tied for 3rd in sales: Steven A, who won a gold piece; and Andy S, who opted for a cash prize of \$100 to go towards the purchase of his long sought 1935 Washington \$1 Silver Certificate with a red R or S on it.

The second place seller was Connie P, who won a \$2-1/2 Gold Indian for her efforts. And the top seller was Curtis S again! For his efforts he received an 1851 \$5 Liberty gold piece, and his wife Ramona received a \$1 gold piece! (She was in the hospital during the meeting, and we all send her our best wishes for a speedy recovery).

Finally, a name was pulled from all the others who sold tickets, and the winner was Gary C. The door prize drawing was also done after attendance was counted, and that winner was Bill Van V.

Next, Merle decided to thank all who helped set up, work the show, and clean up after with a drawing as well. He had 8 slabbed Morgans and American Silver Eagles, and the following hard workers had their names drawn: Kurt g, Jonathan A, Jerry St. G, Steven H, Dan C, Harry D, Joseph McC, and Irene C. Many thanks to all who made it such a successful show.

But most of all, thanks to Merle and Lee for all their time and effort. They have been putting this show together for 17 years now, and it wouldn't be nearly as successful without their experience.

WHAT I GOT AT THE SHOW

- ◆ Lucky Larry got laryngitis at the show and had to pack up early Saturday. But he got some commemoratives, and is looking for more.
- ◆ Charlie B is "saving dollars", trying to get a roll of each of the Presidential Dollars. Only he is stuck trying to get Chester Arthur. (Of course you remember him, the VP who took over when President Garfield was shot?) The mint has cut back on further production, and several members offered suggestions
- ◆ Edwin H went to the show looking for 2 and 3 cent pieces, and did not see many. He has several dates he is still looking for.



- ◆ Willie did not find his proof large/small overdate, but did find some nice encased coins and Franklin halves, as well as a 1952 proof 'Superbird' Washington quarter with an s on the breast.

- ◆ Charlie C bought a 1933 Chicago Worlds Fair medal, pictured (in part) in last month's newsletter. It features a relief map of the entire fair grounds including reflecting ponds and nearby Lake Michigan.



- ◆ Gary C bought some dimes, and a super repeater dollar
- ◆ Merle found a MS-61 \$2-1/2 Indian, and a MS-63 1914 \$10 Indian Gold Coin
- ◆ Joel M bought \$1 and \$2-1/2 gold coins
- ◆ Glenn C did not have much budgeted, but had good luck searching through bins of buffalo nickels for \$1 and \$1.50

MORE SHOW AND TELL

- ☛ Merle brought in his latest collection, Good For Nothing tokens. Most were local, but some were from national origins. Examples included: a Sonoma-Marin SMART Train 'Good For One Ride To Nowhere' token in aluminum; a 'Good for a Touch-down in the Super Bowl' token from the 2011 San Francisco 49ers, made of pigskin; and a 'Good for your vote, Good for the country— join the Tea Party' token made from an old tea bag.
- ☛ Jim C brought in the latest hybrid coin find of his. It was a Sacagawea dollar overstruck with a 1957 wheat cent, tastefully called a 'sack-a-wheat'. He also recently found a Wisconsin state quarter (it features the cow and ear of corn) with a big cud on it.
- ☛ Glenn C brought in his cypress collection. He was quoted as saying "uh..... It is good wood, and....uh...hard to find, and.....I like to keep it stacked behind the house".
- ☛ Willie told the club that he was able to have his favorite collection baptized. And he keeps it hanging on a bush in his yard. He calls it his holy holly holey coin collection.
- ☛ Richard W taught all the Junior Members some Munchkin songs from the Wizard of Oz, while explaining how to clean coins (rub rub here, rub rub there)
- ☛ Curtis S was given a \$10 gold piece for selling the most gold raffle tickets.....for NEXT year's show. Merle figures it will save the club a few hundred bucks the way gold is going up to just give it to him now, since we all know he will outsell everyone again, and again, and again.
- ☛ Harry D won one of the early raffle prizes at the meeting, which isn't unusual. He seemed even luckier when he drew his own number for the next prize. And more so for a third time in a row! After five in a row, a sharp eyed member noted that he palmed the ticket in his hand and pretended to draw it from the bucket. NOW we know how all those Vallejo people keep winning most of the raffle prizes! It makes us wonder how he got all the votes to be president of so many clubs.....
- ☛ With the economy being so bad, Merle has been looking for a corporate sponsor to underwrite the costs of our Coin Show. Lee G offered to cover the entire cost of the show as long as his G&G Market would have a naming opportunity. He insisted we call it.....The Gong Show.

☛ Charlie C was once again tarred and feathered halfway through the coin meeting. While running out the door spewing feathers, he was heard shouting "it was just a joke!". We will see if he gets re-elected in December. April Fools! We now return you to your regular newsletter.

Many thanks to Lee G and the gang at G&G market for the excellent corned beef, rolls, etc for our meeting. And thanks to all who brought side dishes and desserts. It was all delicious and well appreciated!

KIDS CORNER

The last meeting was all about St Patrick's Day with a great meal by G & G with side dishes by members.

Before the meeting, I purchased a Condor token from Frank V. The coin has a picture of a Bishop on the obverse and a shield with the inscription Associated Mine Company and the date 1789 on the reverse. When I got home, I did a search using Google and found two pages of information about the half penny from Wicklow Ireland. A surprise to me and to Frank V is that the bishop on the obverse is that of Saint Patrick. What a coincidence to find a token of St Pat on St Pat's day! (Must be a coin incidence! ugh) You never know where a coin search will lead. It is especially interesting to obtain a token or other commemorative coin and do a Google search and see what you can learn. Happy Hunting! See you April 11 at 6:15 sharp.

Rich W.

Editor's note— Rich is wright about Google searches. Look this token up— there are 30 different varieties, 20 different counterfeits, and 20 mules for this token alone. Try collecting the 10,000 other Conder Tokens!



CLASSIFIED ADS

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WANTED: **Merle Avila** would like to buy your “Good For Tokens” that have the name of a town on them from anywhere in the USA. Please call: Days- 707-585-3711;

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IN MEMORIAM

Long time club member Dan Murphy passed away on March 21, 2012. He was surrounded by his family and able to say goodbye before going peacefully while in the hospital. After a long career with PG&E in San Francisco, he settled in Santa Rosa with his family and was an active participant with the club for years. We send our condolences to son Sean, grandson Jerry, and the whole family

DRAWING WINNERS:

Membership: Connie P, Phil A, Harry D, Barry P, Julie McG, Joe McC

50:50 we didn’t have it this month

Raffle: Matt B (4 times! And he didn’t even pull his own ticket), Celina M, Jon Maria M (twice), Harold R, Trenton P, Paul R, Dan C, Jack H, Lee D, and Rachel S

March Members: 57+

New Members: From the show– Bill R (# 835) and Trenton P (#836). At the meeting we added Kyle H, # 837– WELCOME!

Guests: Yes, several

Auction: 27 exciting items

Adjournment was at 9:00 p.m. sharp!

NEW LECTURE SERIES

Lee Gong will be giving an **ADVANCED COLLECTING** talk at the beginning of each meeting. He will begin at 6PM. This will be very interesting and informative, geared to all adult

Volunteers for **refreshments** for March? We did not ask for any, so **ANYONE WHO CAN BRING A DESSERT WOULD BE APPRECIATED.** Thanks!

The Redwood Empire Coin Club meets on the second Wednesday of every month. The Club’s meeting location is the **Veterans Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa** (opposite the County Fairgrounds across from highway 12), in the **“Dinner Room”** on the east side of the building, at 7:00 PM sharp.

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UPCOMING SHOWS & EVENTS

April 28, 2012. V.F.W. Coin and Stamp Show.

Mendocino County Veterans Memorial Building, 293 Seminary Avenue, Ukiah

May 5, 2012. Sacramento Valley Coin Club

Spring Coin Show. Elks Lodge, 6446 Riverside Blvd, Sacramento

May 6, 2012. Vallejo Numismatic Society's 40th

Annual Vallejo Coin Show. Vallejo Veterans Memorial Building, 420 Admiral Callaghan Lane, Vallejo

June 24, 2012. Alameda Coin Club Show.

Alameda High School Gym (Oak Street at 2200 Central Ave), Alameda

July 14-15, 2012. Stanislaus County Coin Club's

Modesto Coin and Collectible Show. Modesto Centre Plaza, 1000 L Street (10th and K Street), Modesto

July 28-29, 2012. Fremont Coin Club's 40th

Annual Coin Show. Elk's Lodge, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont

August 12, 2012. 22nd Annual Coin Show,

Fairfield Community Center, 1000 East Kentucky Street, Fairfield

September 16, 2012. Livermore Valley Coin

Club's Fall Coin Show. Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur, Livermore

September 29, 2012. CSNA Annual Northern

California Educational Symposium. Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, 734 Marin at Capital, Vallejo

October 13-14, 2012. Diablo Numismatic Society

16th Annual Contra Costa Coin Show.

Crowne Plaza Hotel, 45 John Glenn Drive (off Concord Avenue)

October 20-21, 2012. Delta Coin Club's 47th

Annual Fall Coin Show. Eagle's Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton

November 4, 2012. Peninsula Coin Club's 33rd

Annual Coins and Collectibles Show.

Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose

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Thanks for reading. Corrections? Additions? Questions? E-mail us at:

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See you April 11, 2012— Charlie

